

Dear Miss Weston, I received
your letter ~~from~~ Tuesday evening,
& it was fortunate that you wrote us,
for the green, we had concluded to
send up on Saturday. We have had two
or three turn outs to despoil the
beautiful woods. Mr Smith went out
yesterday and brought home a quan-
tity of very beautiful holly, & Mr
Lincoln & Mr Gay have been out this
afternoon, & brought home a load
of green trees. I shall send you up the
wreaths that Maria made for our
pictures, & some moss that Mr Smith
brought home in the autumn. I re-
gret we cannot send you some more,
& also some running evergreen, but
the snow & the ice protects it very
effectually from our depredations.
I presume you will have no deficien-
cy of green such as it is, but I am not
partial to hemlock & think the less
there is the better generally.

Tomorrow I am to bake & make

cake for the Fair. I hope you may
have considerable of cake from
here for the refreshment table,
but I cannot tell how it will turn
out; with many women, even old
experienced housekeepers, the mak-
ing of a loaf of cake is as great an af-
fair as making a barrel of soap, &
that you know is no small matter,
where all the signs are to be observed,
& the almanac consulted for the
size of the moon, &c. &c.

I wish I was to be with you ^{at the Fair}, but
I have been my share, & now I must
let others take my place. If I could
come up for one day I would, but I
have no one to surrender my
office to even for a day. I have been
unwell almost all the time for the
last two weeks. I believe I have had
most too much to do, but after the
things for the Fair are all safely in
Boston, I intend to rest. I hope
Mr Garrison's friends are relieved, &
he is out of danger before this time.

I cannot feel that he will die yet. He cannot have done all the labor that Providence designed for him. I am sure there is no one to fill his place. I am glad that Mr Childs is to be in Washington this winter. Mr Smith has given me a dollar to hand over to you for him, & I am going to use it as a nest egg to get other dollars if I can.

I should think Mrs. Chapman would be overwhelmed with duties just now, however, she makes the Liberator very interesting. M. W. C. is a signature that I care not how often I see. If two such fine papers as the Liberator & Standard can be edited by women, we of the same sex need not hang our heads for shame. I have not seen the Extra you speak of. Mr Smith formerly used frequently to receive New Organization periodicals, but he has none sent to him now a days.

Thurs day night
your in much haste
& A. Smith

Ms. A. 9. 2. 17. 9

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